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## NORTH PLATTE FEDERAL IRRIGATION PROJECT

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Mr. McNARY, from the Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation,  
submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5170]

The Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 5170) providing for an exchange of lands between Anton Hiersche and the United States in connection with the North Platte Federal irrigation project, recommend that the bill be passed without amendment.

There follows as part of this report a letter from Hon. Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, to the chairman of the committee.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, January 30, 1925.

HON. CHAS. L. McNARY,  
*Chairman Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation,  
United States Senate.*

MY DEAR SENATOR McNARY: I have your letter of January 24 requesting report upon H. R. 5170, entitled "An act providing for an exchange of lands between Anton Hiersche and the United States in connection with the North Platte Federal irrigation project."

This bill provides that when Anton Hiersche shall convey to the United States certain land described required by the Bureau of Reclamation for reservoir purposes, North Platte project, Nebraska, patent shall issue from the United States conveying to Mr. Hiersche certain other land described in exchange for the area so conveyed to the United States.

The bill provides for an equitable adjustment necessary to give Mr. Hiersche about 540 acres of land containing from 200 to 230 acres of tillable land in exchange for 400 acres now owned by him containing 214 acres of irrigable land, which has been cultivated by him to a considerable extent and on which are located valuable improvements.

The bill further provides (a) for release by Mr. Hiersche of all claims for damages, by seepage and otherwise, to certain land described; (b) that Mr. Hiersche may remove from the land to be conveyed certain improvements; and (c) that lien shall be reserved in favor of the United States to secure payment of water-right charges against the irrigable area of the land to be patented under the provisions of the bill.

The exchange meets with the approval of the board of directors of the North Platte Valley Water Users' Association and is deemed by me to be fair and equitable.

Very truly yours,

HUBERT WORK.